

1           In looking at the unnumbered section on page 3 of  
2 S&D-17, I would feel that the Style Committee did some  
3 violence to the original meaning of this Continuity of  
4 Government During Emergencies section after it left the  
5 Committee of the Whole.

6           You may remember that there was colloquy when this  
7 particular provision was before you, which was originally  
8 part of LB-3. At that particular time Delegate Willoner  
9 made specific reference to the question of whether or not  
10 we would allow the other provisions of the Bill of Rights  
11 to be suspended during an emergency. I told him that was  
12 not the intention of the Committee, that the only provisions  
13 which could be suspended by prior act of the General  
14 Assembly for an emergency would be those provisions relating  
15 to continuity of State and local public offices and govern-  
16 mental operations, and that furthermore, the suspension would  
17 only be during the period of the emergency, so as to strictly  
18 delimit the area in time during which suspension of the  
19 Constitutional provisions could take place.

20           We have therefore drafted Amendment No. 11, which  
21 we think more closely parallels the original language of  
the Committee on the Legislative Branch, and which